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SUBJECT: GUIDELINES FOR A SOLUTION OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM--
TWO WEST BANK VIEWS

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1. CONGEN OFFICER HAS RECEIVED WRITTEN STATEMENTS
FROM BETHLEHEM'S MAYOR FREIJ AND NABLUS CITY COUCILMAN
HATEM ABU GHAZALEH ON GUIDELINES FOR A SOLUTION OF
THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. (EARLIER ATTEMPT BY RAMALLAH
LAWYER AZIZ SHIHADI REPORTED REFTEL A) TEXT OF
STATEMENTS WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT.

2. FREIJ STATEMENT, ESSENCE OF WHICH HE CONVEYED TO
GEORGE BALL DURING MEETING MARCH 26 WITH "TIME" GROUP,
IS ADDRESSED TO SECSTATE AND STRONGLY REJECTS BEGIN
SELF-RULE PLAN AS "A LONG STEP BACKWARD." FREIJ CALLS
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--COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OF WEST
BANK AND GAZA (INCLUDING EAST JERUSALEM),
--RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION IN A FREE PLEBISCITE
TO INCLUDE OPTION OF INDEPENDENT PALESTINIAN STATE
--CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL FORCE INCLUDING
AMERICANS, JORDANIANS AND EGYPTIANS TO TAKE CHARGE
OF SECURITY, FACILITATE PEACEFUL RETURN OF

PALESTINIANS AND HELP BUILD PALESTINIAN HOMELAND.

3. ABU GHAZALEH (ACTIVIST, PRO-PLO, MAINSTREAM)

TOLD CONGEN OFFICER HE PREPARED HIS STATEMENT WHEN
UNIDENTIFIED ISRAELI OFFICIAL SOLICITED HIS VIEWS
ON BEGIN PLAN EARLIER THIS YEAR. HE CALLS, INTER
ALIA, FOR:

--TRANSITIONAL PERIOD,

--ADMINISTRATION BY UN, EGYPT, JORDAN AND LOCAL
PALESTINIANS.

--FREEDOM OF ACCESS AND RESIDENCE FOR ALL PALESTINIANS,

--FREEDOM FOR DETAINEES AND PRISONERS,

--REMOVAL OF SETTLEMENTS,

""A LIBERAL ECONOMIC POLICY,

--REVIEW OF LAND TRANSACTIONS POST JUNE 5, 1967, AND

""INSTALLATION OF CUSTOM BARRIERS BETWEEN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES
AND ISRAEL ON JUNE 1967 BORDERS.

4. COMMENT: IN EFFECT, WHAT WE HAVE FROM FREIJ AND ABU GHAZALEH

IS THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF MR. BEGIN'S COIN, I.E. MAXIMALIST POSITIONS.

UNLIKE SHIHADI, MESSRS. FREIJ AND ABU GHAZALEH MAKE NO PRO-
VISIONS FOR A CONTINUED ISRAELI SECURITY PRESENCE IN THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, DEMILITARIZATION, POSSIBLE BORDER ADJUST-
MENTS, SPECIAL STATUS FOR JERUSALEM, FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT BETWEEN
ISRAEL AND OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND POSSIBLE CONTINUATION
OF SETTLEMENTS. NEVERTHELESS THEY DO SHARE SOME RELATIVELY
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MODERATE VIEWS WITH SHIHADI: (A) ACCEPTANCE OF AN INTERIM
PERIOD AND INTERNATIONAL SUPERVISION, (B) SPECIFIC ROLES FOR
EGYPT AND JORDAN, (C) NO SPECIFIC CLAIMS WITHIN ISRAEL
PROPER, AND (D) NO SPECIFIC ROLE FOR THE PLO. TO THIS
EXTENT, THEY GO BEYOND LAST POSITION ADOPTED PUBLICALLY
BY WEST BANK MAYORS (REF B).
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